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no side. We would be glad to accept its conclusions on the conservative side, if only we did not have to accept its processes, which carry with them much that is too liberal and quite destructive of other cherished notions. On this account the book is worth examining.

The Bible and Modern Discoveries.

The Bible and Modern Discoveries. With map and illustrations. By Henry A. Harper. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Co. 1890. Pp. 536.

That there is need of a popular book giving the results of the wonderful discoveries of the last twenty-five years in lands whose history is connected with that of Biblical history is very certain; that this book, which aims to do this thing, has failed is equally certain. The author would seem to have had the necessary qualifications, if the testimony of Mr. Besant, who writes an introduction is to be accepted; but it must be the feeling of every one who rises from a perusal of the book that he has not accomplished what was undertaken. The material is divided into ten chapters: (1) From the call of Abraham, to the death of Joseph; (2) Israel in Egypt; (3) Joshua; (4) The Book of Judges; (5) 1 Samuel; (6) 2 Samuel; (7) 1 Kings; (8) 2 Kings; (9) 1 Chronicles; (10) 2 Chronicles. One can see at a glance the faultiness of such a division. There is no consideration of the Prophetical books or of the wealth of material which illustrates them. In the historical presentation, there is no evidence of an acquaintance with the results of biblical science. The style is execrable, not adapted either to the wants of the average Sunday school teacher, for whom the book would seem to have been intended, or to those of the better informed student, though much of the material will be of value only to such a one. There is no index of Bible texts; but a list of authorities consulted many of which were long ago antiquated. This book is a fair specimen of what an unscientific mind will do with scientific material. It is a warning to some men, to let such work alone, and to scientists, to do their own popularizing.

Barnes' Handbook of Bible Biography.

Handbook of Bible Biography. By Rev. C. R. Barnes, A. B. New York: Hunt and Eaton. 1889. Pp. 546.

The author has furnished in this volume an explanation of all the names of persons in the Bible with accounts of the lives and characters of those of greatest prominence. He has not, indeed, brought forward any new material but claims to have made his list absolutely complete and to have so organized and condensed the information furnished as to make it more easily accessible than it has heretofore been. He has thus put into available form and within a comparatively narrow compass a vast array of facts which were scattered throughout large and expensive works which could not well be in the possession of most students.

The book is furnished with such illustrations and maps as are necessary to make plain the principal subjects of antiquarian interest. The author has been at pains to cite the authorities upon which he has depended and to give a frank statement of the difficulties which critics find in dealing with the biblical statements regarding the characters treated of. In this part of the work,